

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christopher Cox, of California, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the term expiring June 5, 2009.

Mark Langdale, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica.

Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs).

John S. Redd, of Georgia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Nominations Withdrawn: On Wednesday, June 29, 2005, Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination: Ronald E. Meisburg, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2008, which was sent to the Senate on January 24, 2005.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—172)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 1:04 a.m., on Friday, July 1, 2005 and will reconvene at 10 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7873.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported H.R. 3057, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

MILITARY READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the status of the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps in fighting the global war on terrorism, after receiving testimony from David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, both of the Department of Defense; General Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; General Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, United States Army; and General Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant, United States Marine Corps.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Daniel R. Stanley, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, James A. Rispoli, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, General Teed M. Moseley, USAF, to be Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and 130 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine how information technology can reduce medical errors, lower healthcare costs, and improve the quality of patient care, including the importance of developing interoperable electronic medical records and highlight new technologies that will impact how health services are provided in the future, after receiving testimony from Senators Enzi and Stabenow; David Brailer, National Coordinator of Health Information Technology, and Carolyn Clancy, Director, Agency for the Healthcare Research and Quality, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; Hratch G. Semerjian, Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce; Robert M. Kolodner, Acting Veterans Health Administration Chief Health Informatics Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; Susan L. Bostrom, Cisco Systems, Inc., San Jose, California; John Glaser, Partners

Healthcare, Boston, Massachusetts; Peter Basch, MedStar Health, and Karen Ignagni, America's Health Insurance Plans, both of Washington, D.C.; and Pamela Pure, McKesson Corporation, Alpharetta, Georgia.

SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight held a hearing to examine savings and investment issues, focusing on present law on certain expiring provisions in the United States tax code, receiving testimony from G. Scott Harding, F.B. Harding, Inc. Electrical Contractors, Rockville, Maryland, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Robert A. Weinberger, H & R Block, Eric J. Toder, The Urban Institute Tax Policy Center, and Stephen J. Entin, Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation, all of Washington, D.C.; David R. Malpass, Bear Stearns, New York, New York; and Brian Graff, American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries, Arlington, Virginia.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

MIDDLE EAST ROAD MAP

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current state of the Middle East road map, focusing on the challenge of organizing talks and resolving issues between Israel and Palestine, after receiving testimony from C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and James D. Wolfensohn, Quartet Special Envoy for Gaza Disengagement, both of the Department of State; and Lieutenant General William E. Ward, Deputy Commander, United States Army Europe, U.S. Coordinator for Security, Department of Defense.

AMERICAN HISTORY ACHIEVEMENT ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development concluded a hearing to examine issues relating to American history, focusing on S. 860, to amend the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act to require State academic assessments of student achievement in United States history and civics, after receiving testimony from

Stephanie L. Norby, Director, Smithsonian Institution Center for Education and Museum Studies; Charles E. Smith, National Assessment Governing Board, Washington, D.C.; James Parisi, Rhode Island Federation of Teachers and Health Professionals, Providence; and David McCullough, West Tisbury, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of James B. Letten, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, and Rod J. Rosenstein, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, both of the Department of Justice.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship concluded a hearing to examine securing the cooperation of participating countries relating to the need for comprehensive immigration reform, after receiving testimony from Andres Rozental, Rozental and Asociados, former Mexican Ambassador at Large, and Roberta Clariond, Instituto Tecnológico Autonomo de Mexico, both of Mexico City, Mexico.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

MEDICARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine possible strategies for slowing the growth of Medicare spending, including increasing the share of spending paid by beneficiaries and enhancing competition in the provision of services, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office; William J. Evans, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock; Bill Herman, Highsmith Inc., Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin; Stephen J. Brown, Health Hero Network, Inc., Mountain View, California; and Steven H. Woolf, Virginia Commonwealth University, Fairfax.